

Kyabram Catholic Parish

St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 22nd August 2021



Readings for this Sunday

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Interruption

When a Gospel covers a few weeks it is normally mentioned in this column. As would be the case from 17th to 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time. We missed the first two weeks because of the lockdown and the next two weeks for the Solemnities of St Mary of the Cross and of the Assumption of BVM. We had a break from the semi-continuous readings from Gospel of Mark with chapter 6 of John's Gospel. The five passages are:

- Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes
- I am the Bread of Life teaching
- Whoever eats this bread will live
- My flesh and blood I give to you have eternal life
- To whom shall we go? – Lord, you have the words of eternal life!

Focus on the Gospel

The changing of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana brought good cheer and widespread popularity. Jesus teaching on the Bread of Life, as we hear in the Gospel of the day brought confusion, anger and rejection by much of the crowd. It was difficult for many to move from the multiplication of the bread, to its symbolic meaning as Jesus, the bread of life and then to the sacramental understanding of Christ's body and blood as food and drink for eternal life.

We cannot listen to this passage coolly and unattached. We are really involved. We are aware of the controversies over the Eucharist in the past and also in our present time. We are also aware of the challenge to respond to the invitation to accept, believe and participate. Some Christians find it hard to believe, some have obstacles in participation and many have conflicts about commitment.

We are reminded of the words of Pope Francis that the Church is not a tollhouse but a field hospital. The Eucharist is not so much a reward for the just but a remedy for the sinner and the marginalised. And St Peter, who speaks up for himself and the others, declares his commitment: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life."

The Gospel of John

is considered by many scripture scholars to have four major sections: The Prologue (1.1–18), The Book of Signs (1.19–12.50), The Book of Glory (13.1–20.31), and The Epilogue (ch. 21).

The Book of Signs contains seven miracles or manifestations of Jesus' salvific power accompanied with lengthy dialogue, they are:

- 1: Changing Water Into Wine (John 2:1-11)
- 2: Healing the Royal Official's Son (John 4:46-54)
- 3: Healing the paralytic at the pool (John 5:1-18)
- 4: Feeding over 5,000 with fish and loaves (John 6:1-14)
- 5: Walking on the water (John 6:15-25)
- 6: Healing a man born blind (John 9:1-41)
- 7: Raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-46)

Text for the Day from the Gospel Acclamation

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

On the Lighter Side

Who's the coolest person in the hospital? The Ultra Sound guy. Never lie to X-ray technicians. They can see right through you. Why did the doctor laugh at the X-ray of an arm? He found it humerus.



FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE

To celebrate the Feast of St Augustine there will be a cuppa after Mass next weekend on **Saturday 28th August** at 7.00pm.

MEETING IN THE SPIRIT

A monthly meeting coming together to reflect and share our experiences on the Word of God will be on **Tuesday 31st August after 5pm Mass** in the Church gathering space.

Theme for this month is Mary, Our Mother.

Gospel reflection- Luke 1:26-56

Led by Fr John. Please bring your bibles.

All welcome.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton will be held on **Monday 30th August from 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional).



The Plenary Council's First Assembly is in October. The Agenda has been announced and the delegates (members) are in the final stages of preparation. What are the priorities for the Plenary from your perspective? Sandhurst delegates, Ruth Lawlor & Cathy Jenkins, are coming to listen. Come & join this opportunity to reflect together in the lead-up to the Plenary Council.

More information is on the noticeboard at the back of church. (Venue capacity during COVID is 60 so plenty of room!)

Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 0407 587527 or Fran 0409 012228.

CHANGE OF PARISH OFFICE DAYS

Commencing the **week of 30th August 2021**, there will be a change of Parish office days. The office will now be closed on Mondays, and open on Friday mornings.

Parish office hours will be as follows:

- Tuesday: 8.30am to 12 noon
- Wednesday: 8.30am to 12 noon
- Thursday: 8.30am to 5.00pm
- Friday: 8.30am to 12 noon

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome:

**Callum James Dervish
Oliver Brian Dervish
Letizia Jan Tenace**



into our faith community.

Please keep Callum, Oliver and Letizia and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES (commencing September)

At the PPC meeting held during the week, it was agreed that commencing Saturday 4th September and Sunday 5th September, there will be a change of Mass times as follows:

Kyabram:

- Saturday Mass will be celebrated on alternate weekends – 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 6.00pm.
- Sunday Mass every weekend at 8.30am.

Tongala: Second Sunday of the month at 11.30am.

Merrigum: Fourth Sunday of the month at 11.30am.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 24th August 2021** commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

CHILD SAFETY

In our Parish, Alma Limbrick our Pastoral Associate, is the Child Safety Officer. She can be contacted on 0417 184 527.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 28th August at 7.00pm:

Commentator – J Harris; Lector – L Ratcliffe;
Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 29th August at 8.00am:

Commentator – Help needed; Lector – M Carver;
Special Minister – M O'Shea

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Peter Walsh, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs
Recently Deceased: John Wearden, Ann Crossley (Fitzsimmons)
Anniversaries: -

(Please email the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.)



DIARY DATES

Monday	23 Aug	-
Tuesday	24 Aug	Mass 5.00pm Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday	25 Aug	-
Thursday	26 Aug	Mass 9.15am
Friday	27 Aug	-
Saturday	28 Aug	<i>Feast of St Augustine</i> Mass 7.00pm - presentation of The Creed to Sacramental children (cuppa after Mass)
Sunday	29 Aug	Mass 8.00am
Monday	30 Aug	Spirituality in the Pub 7.30pm
Tuesday	31 Aug	Mass 5.00pm Meeting in the Spirit, after 5.00pm Mass
Wednesday	1 Sept	-
Thursday	2 Sept	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Friday	3 Sept	-
Saturday	4 Sept	No Mass
Sunday	5 Sept	<i>Father's Day</i> Mass 8.30am

Parish Administrator

Fr John Paul Pasala
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Alma Limbrick (available in Parish
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Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

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Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral
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Maurie Finn, Jackie Stockdale,
Brendon Lane, Finola Price,
Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

Mass Times

Kyabram
Week Day Masses (Tuesday and
Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala
Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum
Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

Mass of Anointing is held the
first Thursday of the month at
10.00am in St Augustine's
Church.

FESTIVAL MASS – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

2021 Goulburn Valley Regional Council Festival Mass and
Gathering will be held on **Sunday, 12th September** at 10.30am
in St Augustine's church, Kyabram.

Please RSVP by Saturday 28th August to [rohans@svdp-
vic.org.au](mailto:rohans@svdp-vic.org.au). Please note that RSVP is essential as numbers may
be limited depending on COVID restrictions.

This inspiring event – which celebrates our year in service – will
include Morning tea, Mass at midday, Lunch from 1.30pm with
guest speaker.

Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends and
parishioners to come along.

CARITAS NEWS

Free copies of Caritas News are now available. This Winter
Edition focusses on EMERGENCIES and how communities,
with your support, are surviving and thriving beyond the crisis.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

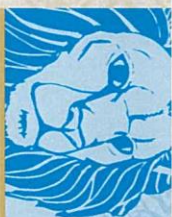
Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe: we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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MAKING DECISIONS

In the lives of us all there are moments when we have to make decisions – decisions which will radically shape our future. When Joshua gathered all the people of Israel to the shrine of Shechem it was a moment of decision. Having finally taken possession of their own land, the risk was that they would be assimilated into the religious culture of the people that surrounded them. An even greater danger was that of forgetting the God who had made all this possible. Joshua saw that the time had come for the people of Israel to choose.

In a similar fashion, as Jesus concludes the bread of life discourse, his disciples and his contemporaries are challenged to decide where their allegiance lies. While Jesus' words are a scandal for even some of the disciples, the Twelve, through Peter, decide that Jesus' message is truly life-giving and that it comes from God.

The decision which is envisaged in the second reading is that married couples decide to model their relationship on the love that Jesus has shown in giving up his life for us all. The regulation of relationships in households found here is clearly coloured by its first century context and its language of submission can give the modern reader a jolt. Despite this there are reciprocal demands made on both spouses to model their love on that of Jesus who gave his life for us all.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
A reading from the book of Joshua.
We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked, / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord



ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 5:21-32
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies: for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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